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## A ROAD LAW FOR MADISON COUNTY.

Prepared by Order of the Board of County Commissioners.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO

Secure its Passage—Its Purpose: The Improvement of the Highways of Madison County.

Following is a copy of the draft prepared by Judge E. J. Vann, county attorney, in behalf of the county commissioners, which will be introduced by one of Madison county's representatives at the present session of the legislature for passage by that body. The matter of good roads being one in which every citizen is interested the draft of the proposed law should be carefully studied. Following is the proposed law:

#### AN ACT

To be Entitled an Act to Establish and keep in Good Repair the public Roads, Highways and Bridges in Madison County, State of Florida, authorizing and Directing the Board of County Commissioners of said County to Levy and Collect a Special Tax Annually to Pay for the same, to Purchase necessary Tools, Implements Machinery and Stock to be used in Working and Keeping in Good Repair, to Pay all the Expenses of the Same and Declaring all Roads in said County heretofore Established according to Law to be Public Roads of said County.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

SECTION 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Florida, shall at its meeting in each and every year for the purpose of levying taxes, levy a special tax of not more than five mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of all the real and personal property in said county, subject to taxation, which shall be assessed, levied and collected as other taxes are assessed and collected, which, together with other monies arising from the commutation tax, or fines collected from road defaulters, as provided in this Act, shall constitute a fund to be used and expended solely for laying out, surveying, ditching, grading, paving, working, altering, repairing and keeping in repair, constructing and improving the Public Roads and Bridges in said county, and for defraying the expenses thereof including the purchase of tools, implements, vehicles, machinery, horses, mules and for the care of the same, from time to time as the said Board deem necessary, such work and property to be under the supervision and control of the said Board as provided in the general road laws of this State, and the revenues thus derived shall be paid over to the County Treasurer of said county, and shall be disbursed in the same manner as other funds are expended by said Board.

SECTION 2. That all persons liable under the laws of Florida to work upon the public roads shall be so liable under

fixed by the said Board at not more than ten (10) cents per hour. Provided, that when skilled labor is required the prevailing wages may be paid for the same. The said Board may also employ for each separate squad of not less than ten (10) men, one competent overseer whose duties shall be prescribed and compensation fixed by said Board at not more than twenty (20) cents per hour.

SECTION 7. That whenever the Board of County Commissioners shall deem it advisable to have material furnished, or work done by contract, they shall specify the kind and quality and quantity of the materials to be furnished, adopt plans and specifications of the work to be done and give notice by publication in some newspapers published in said county of Madison or elsewhere, or both as they may elect, to be designated by said Board, for not less than four successive weeks, once in each week, inviting bids therefor, and upon the acceptance of any bid the Board may enter into a contract with the successful bidder under such conditions as said Board may prescribe, for furnishing such materials or performing such work. Provided, that said Board shall have the right to reject any and all bids, and may require the successful bidder to give such bond and security as said Board may deem necessary, for the faithful performance of the contract.

SECTION 8. The Board of County Commissioners and the contractor for work or material shall have the right to appropriate any land or material in said county desired for the construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of any public road or bridge under this act, and in case the owner of the same and said Board or the contractor shall not be able to agree as to the price to be paid therefor, then the Board or the contractor, as the case may be, shall have the right to proceed to condemn the same in the same manner as is provided for in Article 6, Part 2, Title 3, Chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida. Whenever the material so condemned is to be used by a contractor the condemnation proceedings shall be instituted in the name of the contractor for the use and benefit of the county, and the judgment shall be a personal judgment against the contractor and be paid by him. In case the jury shall render a verdict for a larger sum than was offered the owner of the land or material by said contractor, all the costs of the proceedings shall be taxed against and recovered from such owner, the same to be first deducted and paid out of the proceeds of the judgment.

SECTION 9. That in case of damage to any of the public roads or bridges in said county by storm, flood or other casualty, it shall be the duty of the assistant deputy superintendent, residing nearest the part of road or the bridge that may be damaged, to forthwith summon a sufficient number of persons subject to road duty, and immediately repair such damage, which persons shall be paid the same compensation as shall be paid other hands for road work under this act, making report to the general superintendent or the county commissioner of the district in which such repairs were done.

SECTION 10. That it shall be the duty of said Board to classify the public roads and bridges in said county of Madison into as many classes as may be deemed advisable, and the public roads and bridges shall be worked, repaired and improved under this act in the order of time corresponding with such classes, that is to say: those of the first class to be worked first, the second class next and so on; and the Board shall designate by lot which part of said roads, or which bridge, shall be worked, repaired or improved, as aforesaid, first, which second and so on until all the roads and bridges shall have been worked, repaired and improved in each class. Provided: That said Board may change such classification at any time or from time to time as to said Board the same may be deemed just and reasonable.

SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of the general superintendent, or of the commissioner of the district in which work, repairs, improvement, etc., may be going on under the provisions of this act, in case there be no general superintendent, to make report to the said Board at each regular meeting thereof, or oftener if required by said Board, of the progress and character of the work, etc., being done, and no payment for the services of the general superintendent of roads and bridges, or of his assistants, nor of any contractor, shall be made until such report shall have been made to and been approved by said Board, and no payment shall be made to any hands or road and bridge workers except upon the certificate of the general superintendent or contractor, as the case may be, and the approval thereof by said Board.

SECTION 12. That this act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor.

#### Town Election.

The town election was pulled off Tuesday according to law. A light vote was polled, there being no interest in the matter after the nominating primary had been held and the candidates named. The nominees for the different offices were elected without opposition, they being Mayor, Columbus B. Smith, Marshal, W. A. Dale, Assessor, Archie L. Vann, Clerk and Treasurer, Walter Banting, Aldermen, L. A. Fraleigh and W. B. Davis.

The officers elected were formally inducted into office at the meeting of the council Tuesday night.

#### Mrs. John Wadsworth Dead.

At 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, at her late home in this city, Addie, beloved wife of John W. Wadsworth, departed this life after an illness of several weeks leaving a disconsolate husband, two little children, many relatives and hosts of friends to mourn her untimely death.

Mrs. Wadsworth was one of Madison's fairest daughters and most popular young matrons, and her sad death is one which brings sorrow to the hearts of many. A few weeks ago a sweet little girl babe was born to the devoted parents and the mother was attacked with fever. Skilled medical aid was secured and everything possible was done but to no avail. For the past few days it was hoped and believed that the lady was improving, but on Tuesday the fatal fever rose to such a degree that the life of its victim was literally burned out.

The funeral will be held from the Methodist church this morning at 9:30 o'clock, the interment to be at the city cemetery.

#### Easter Services at Methodist Church

Services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning. There will be appropriate music with a solo by Mrs. Paine. In the evening the following programme will be rendered:

Chorus.  
Scripture Reading and Prayer.  
Easter Greeting, Miss Ethel Rowe.  
Song, "Easter Dawning," Children.  
Recitation, Walter Whitlock.  
Recitation, Della Martin.  
Solo, Lily Dale.  
Recitation, Annie Beagles.  
Recitation, Kathleen Vann.  
Chorus.  
Recitation, Baby Drew.  
Recitation, James McCall.  
Solo, Mrs. Whitmer.  
Quartette.  
Recitation, Lilla Fraleigh.  
Recitation, Ruth Garrison.  
Song, "It'll be a Sunbeam," Children.  
Recitation, Bertha Morrow.  
Duet, Maren Hinely and Dickinson.  
Recitation, Clarence Black.  
Solo, Mrs. Paine.  
Recitation, Six Little Girls.  
Recitation, Miss Eva Thomas.  
Chorus.  
Doxology.

#### Little Mildred Martin.

In memory of Little Mildred, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Z. Martin, who died March 8th, 1903, of cholera infantum, age eight months and four days.

Oh darling how we miss thee now,  
Our hearts are lone and sad  
Thy sweet, sweet prattling voice is hushed  
That made us once so glad!  
Thy vacant place at mealtime fills  
Our hearts too full to speak,  
Lest we disclose our silent griefs,  
And thus be counted weak.  
Yat, still, within our hearts thou'lt live  
Through ages yet to come,  
Cherished in memory just as dear  
As when thou brightened home.  
Long, sleepless nights we spent in vain;  
We could not cool thy brow,  
Death's hands were laid to rob our hand  
We miss thee darling now.  
Thou wert a flower too sweet for earth;  
Too bright, too sweet, too fair,  
We cannot call our darling back,  
But, darling, we'll come there.  
But our sad hearts, how can we live  
Away from one so sweet?  
Oh, Saviour, strengthen us to bear  
This toil until we meet!  
So, Mildred darling, watch and wait,  
We'll labor 'til we're given  
Abundant entrance into rest,  
Then welcome us to Heaven.  
Then we shall clasp thee in our arms,  
And press our lips in love;  
No more to die, no pain, no death,  
But saved in Heaven above.  
MRS. W. A. DALE.

## FLORIDA SOLONS NOW IN SESSION.

At Tallahassee, where They will Remain sixty Days.

ADAMS AND GIBBONS

To Preside Over the Two Branches of the Florida Legislature—Madison County Man Honored.

The Florida Legislature convened in biennial session at Tallahassee on last Tuesday and there is no doubt but that the session will continue through the full term of sixty days. During the session of the legislature there will arise legislation of great importance to the entire State and the workings of the members will be watched with great interest throughout the State.

Monday night the two bodies composing the legislature held their caucus, each body in its own hall, and nominated the officers and attaches of each division. Both caucuses were open to the public and the proceedings of the bodies were witnessed by a large number of people from different sections of the State. In the Senate Frank Adams of Hamilton, was elected without opposition as President of the body, and Senator Carson of Osceola, president pro tem. T. J. Appleyard of Columbia was chosen by acclamation Speaker of the House and Dr. Bynum, of Suwannee, the veteran chief clerk, was again chosen to fill that position without opposition. Rufus E. Dickinson, of Madison, had an easy victory for the position of Enrolling Clerk, he having no opposition and his nomination being made by acclamation.

#### Minutes of School Board.

Board met promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. this 7th day of April, 1903. Full board present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. W. E. Howard, supervisor of Carrabelle school, asked that the house be properly repaired out of funds appropriated to support the school. The same was granted.

Citizens of Live Oak church neighborhood appeared before the board asking the establishment of a school at the church. It was granted on condition that the average attendance approximate twenty pupils that cannot reach other schools.

Settlement with the treasurer showed receipts from all sources \$1598.75; expenditures for the month, \$791.45; warrants taken up, \$2223.89; balance on hand this date, \$1.36. There being no further business, the board adjourned to meet May 5th.

W. J. BLANTON,  
Chairman.  
J. A. HUGHES, Secretary.



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